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I am very humbled and honored by the outpouring of support and encouragement you have provided me to stand for election to the Maryland Senate. It is because of my deep affection and concern for the people of Maryland that I am proud to announce my candidacy on “Maryland Day”, March 25, 2010, for the State Senate. I chose this day not only because it is Maryland’s birthday, but also because on this same day my ancestor Lord Baltimore Calvert landed on St. Clements’s Island to settle Maryland. He came to America like so many other families to seek freedom from a repressive government. The freedom the Calvert’s were seeking was religious, because of England’s compulsory attendance to the Church of England—the state-established church. The Calvert’s were considered “closet Catholics”, as during this time Catholics could not practice their faith in public, nor could they hold any public office—today a freedom many of us take for granted.

My family, like so many other families, came here to escape a government that had become too big and intrusive in the daily lives of its citizens. As was the case then and is today, it is that same type of freedom and equality that we are all seeking. One of the greatest problem’s when one political party or public official has had a lock on power to long they become arrogant and out touch with the needs and concerns of the citizens, because they are never challenged. It is because this and a multitude of other reasons, I choose to challenge our current State Senator.

As State Senator, I will implement measures to ensure that our state supplies a business-friendly environment for those seeking to invest in Maryland, and for small businesses to gain the traction they need. More importantly, with budget shortfalls and deficits, my position is to create and maintain diligent fiscal responsibility and accountability to Maryland taxpayers. In too many current instances, accountability and transparency are notably lacking.

With respect to justice and security, as State Senator I will lead the state in crime reduction and rid out state of the label, “Fifth most violent state in the country.” I will firmly support “truth in sentencing” legislation that requires violent offenders to serve at least 85% of their sentence time, thereby not wasting the state’s time and energy in capturing and convicting violent offenders who are later set free. Allowing this is not acceptable in Maryland nor anywhere else in the United States. I will also not once allow such grave errors as ignoring “Jessica’s Law” to occur.

Finally, issues concerning keeping the state of Maryland clean, safe and appealing—making the state a desirable place to live—are at the top of my agenda. Proper development, transportation and tourism planning, as well as keeping the Chesapeake Bay clean and beautiful, will lead to making Maryland a model state.

Regardless of party affiliation, your concerns and aspiration always come first, I thank you for this honor and privilege to serve.